

# EXHIBIT A

Re: [EXTERNAL] Requesting Stip for Immediate Stay of Proceedings

Britt Martin <bmartin0211@outlook.com>

Mon 4/22/2024 3:44 PM

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Ms. Martin

Please email me your proposed stip and order in Word format so I can send you our revisions in track changes.

**Daniel Hatch**

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Britt,

Thank you for sending this over. I am tied up in a mediation today. However, someone from our office will get back to you shortly since I don't have the ability to look at this right now. Lee.

**Lee Silver**

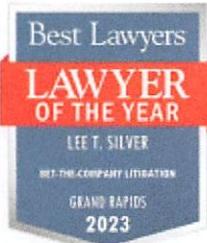
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Hi Lee,

Under FRCP Rule 6(d), when service is made by mail, an additional three days are added to the prescribed period to respond. I am self-represented and ineligible to use electronic filing, I was served by mail. Consequently, this extension applies, and therefore, the adjusted deadline for my response falls on today's date. Thus, my time to respond has not expired. Regardless, I have changed the language in the attached stip to accommodate your stance, please review and send a signed copy back as soon as possible so that I can prepare a physical filing and get down to the courthouse immediately.

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Hi Britt,

I can't stipulate to extend the time for filing a response to our pending Motion to Dismiss because the deadline for that response was last week. In other words, contrary to what the proposed stipulation says that you sent, the deadline for responding has already passed.

However, I am willing to toll the deadline for you to file a claim of appeal of the Magistrate Judge's order from April 19 through May 6 provided the stipulation clearly states that we don't believe there is any merit to any appeal. (The reason we believe this is because the Judge was correct that you missed the deadline for filing an amended complaint as of right. Therefore, the Judge correctly struck the Amended Complaint.)

Also, I would prefer not to be the one to electronically file the stip since it may create the appearance that we are somehow requesting the stipulation. I hope this makes sense. Lee.

Lee Silver

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Lee,

I appreciate your flexibility - attached for your review and signature is a stipulation for an extension until May 6, 2024, to respond to (1) the pending motion to dismiss, and (2) to appeal from Magistrate Berens April 16, 2024, nondispositive order.

If you would be willing to file the stip electronically today that would be a huge help, otherwise please shoot a signed copy back to me as soon as possible so that I can prepare a physical filing and get over to the courthouse before they close at 4:30.

Thanks again,

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Britt,

I am not aware of any currently pending deadlines. Please let me know what deadlines you are referring to so that I know what you are asking us to agree to. Lee.

**Lee Silver**

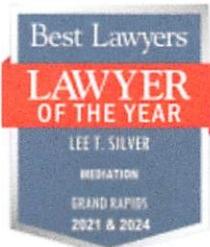
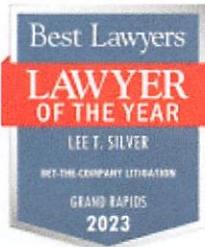
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To clarify, I am seeking your agreement to a stipulation to stay all proceedings until May 6, 2024, including deadlines and all other legal obligations.

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Britt,

I am very sorry to hear about aunt. My condolences to you and your family.

Under the circumstances, we will not file anything or take any action in this case that involves the Court until May 6 so that you can tend to your family (assuming, of course, that the Court does not Order us to do something in the next two weeks, which I am not anticipating).

Again, I am sorry for your loss. Lee.

**Lee Silver**

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All,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing under very difficult circumstances, having received the devastating news this morning of my aunt's unexpected death in a house fire. The situation is remains under investigation.

<https://www.fox17online.com/news/local-news/kent/woman-dies-in-wyoming-house-fire-investigation-underway>

Given the severity of this family crisis, my immediate priorities are caring for her children, my younger cousins.

Accordingly, I am requesting a stipulation for an immediate stay of all proceedings until Monday, May 6, 2024,to allow me the necessary time to support my family during this calamitous time.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience if you are amenable to stipulating to stay the proceedings, or if there are any concerns.

Thank you for your understanding.

Brittany E. Martin

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

BRITTANY E. MARTIN,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 24-cv-00072  
Hon. Hala Y. Jarbou

HENN LESPERANCE PLC,  
KEVIN LESPERANCE  
MALGORZATA (“GOSIA”) WALKER,  
ROY H. JOHNSON,  
DOES 1-5,

Defendants.

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**STIPULATION AND ORDER TO EXTEND THE TIME ALLOWED FOR PLAINTIFF  
TO RESPOND TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS AND APPEAL FROM  
MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S ORDER**

*Pro se* Plaintiff, Brittany E. Martin, and Defendants, Henn Lesperance PLC, Kevin Lesperance, Malgorzata (“Gosia”) Walker, and Roy H. Johnson (collectively referred to as “Defendants”), stipulate and agree as follows:

1. During their Local Rule 7.1 meet-and-confer on April 22, 2024, in light of an unexpected death in Plaintiff's family and Plaintiff's obligations arising from these circumstances, the parties stipulate and agree to extend the time allowed for Plaintiff to respond to Defendants' motion to dismiss (ECF No. 14) and to appeal from magistrate judge's nondispositive Order (ECF No. 19) until May 6, 2024.
2. Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 6(b)(1)(A) provides that a Court may, for good cause shown, extend the time for an act to be done if a party makes such request before the original time expires.

3. Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 6(b)(1)(B) provides that a Court may, for good cause shown, extend the time for an act to be done after the time has expired if the party failed to act because of excusable neglect.
4. Defendants' motion to dismiss was filed on March 21, 2024.
5. Although Defendants contend that the time for Plaintiff to respond to the motion to dismiss expired last week, Plaintiff, having been served by mail, maintains that the extended deadline under Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(d) aligns with today's date and thus her time has not yet expired. Regardless of this contention, Plaintiff seeks this extension on the grounds of excusable neglect, given the recent personal and unavoidable circumstances.
6. Magistrate Judge entered a nondispositive Order in this case on April 16, 2024, meaning Plaintiff's time to appeal from said order has not yet expired.
7. The parties stipulate to toll the deadline for filing a claim of appeal regarding the Magistrate Judge's order to May 6, 2024. It is explicitly recognized within this stipulation that the undersigned defendants do not concede any merit to any potential appeal based on the belief that the Magistrate Judge was correct in striking Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.
8. Good cause exists to grant this extension, as the adjournment will ensure that all parties are adequately prepared to contribute effectively to the proceedings, thereby facilitating a more equitable and efficient adjudication of the case.



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**STIPULATED FOR ENTRY:**

**ORDER**

Upon consideration of the Parties' Stipulation to Extend the time allowed for Plaintiff to respond to Defendants' motion to dismiss and to appeal from magistrate judge's nondispositive Order, the Court finds that good causes exists under Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b)(1) to extend the time allowed for Plaintiff to respond to Defendants' motion to dismiss and to appeal from magistrate judge's nondispositive Order. The Court hereby orders that Plaintiff may file and serve on counsel for Defendants a response to Defendants' motion to dismiss and appeal from magistrate judge's nondispositive Order no later than May 6, 2024.

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WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

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Plaintiff,  
v.  
Case No. 24-cv-00072  
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